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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8735

CUMMINGS, Gary I., et al.

Appln. No.: 10/825,327

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: 7904

Examiner: Neil S. Levy

Filed: April 16, 2004

For: **CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE
PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THEIR MANUFACTURE**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants received an Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 in the captioned case, which includes restriction and election of species requirements for claims "1-69" (sic). The Examiner appears to have reviewed the original claims appearing on pages 55-69 of the application as filed.

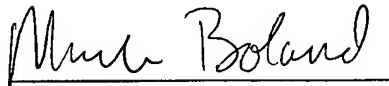
However, those original claims were cancelled at the time of filing via a Preliminary Amendment, which presented new claims 69-83 for examination. The Preliminary Amendment was also referenced in the application filing transmittal letter. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, together with proof of its filing on April 16, 2004 (copy of PTO date-stamped filing receipt).

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the substance of the Office Action has been rendered moot. Withdrawal of the same and examination of the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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